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OFFICIAL*Response to Office Action with Amendments*

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The applicant respectfully responds to the office action issued on February 13, 2004 with the following remarks and amendments.

The February 13th office action allowed claims 1 - 14 and 24 - 33, rejected claims 17 - 19, and objected to claims 20 - 23.

In response, the applicant has canceled claims 17 - 19, without prejudice.

As to claims 20 - 23, the examiner objected to these claims as dependent on a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if re-written so as to remove the improper dependency. The applicant has now done so, and thus these claims are also allowable.

Thus, all pending claims are now allowable, and the applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance be promptly issued.